

I wish to offer testimony in favor of three bills that are intended to restore recreational liability protection to municipalities.

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I am employed part time by the Vernon Parks and Recreation Dept. to help with park maintenance. In that position, I observe the daily concerns regarding potential liability and the actions taken in attempt to avoid liability that might arise because of recreational activities.

I am also a volunteer trail manager for Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA). CFPA has been constructing and maintaining recreational trails for more than 75 years. The trails can only exist because of the approval by the land owners. Owners include private, state and municipal parties. They could not exist if the owners were concerned with recreational liability issues.

I enjoy "giving back" to the communities because I frequently witness the enjoyment that our citizens get when participating in recreational activities.

I hope that we can continue to provide this quality of life for our American citizens and not have it jeopardized by unnecessary law suits.

George